

## **Reminders About the New Medicare-Approved Discount Drug Cards**

- ❑ Enrollment begins as early as May 2004 and continues through December 31, 2005.
- ❑ Enrollment is **OPTIONAL!**
- ❑ The annual enrollment fee cannot exceed \$30.
- ❑ Qualified low-income individuals (\$12,569 or less for a one person household or \$16,862 or less for a two person household) may qualify for a \$600 credit a year on your discount card to assist in the costs of prescriptions. Enrollment fee is waived for individuals qualifying for the \$600 credit.
- ❑ You may only have one Medicare-approved discount drug card.
- ❑ From November 15 through December 31, 2004 (Coordinated Election Period) individuals may change their Medicare-approved card and enroll in a different approved card.
- ❑ Individuals can drop the Medicare-approved card at any time but cannot enroll in another card unless it is during the Coordinated Election Period.
- ❑ Card sponsors will determine the medications covered and the dollar amount of the discount.
- ❑ This is a temporary program that will only last until 2006.

**REMEMBER: NOT ALL MEDICATIONS WILL BE COVERED ON EVERY CARD AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT SAVED ON A PARTICULAR MEDICATION CAN VARY FROM CARD TO CARD. IT IS IMPORTANT TO REVIEW ALL POSSIBLE MEDICARE-APPROVED CARD OPTIONS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO YOU BEFORE DECIDING ON WHICH CARD TO PURCHASE OR DECIDING NOT TO PURCHASE A MEDICARE-APPROVED CARD AT ALL.**